Sandy Grantham
Rt. 2, Box 100
Smith ville, TN 37166

1/24/90

Dear Sandy Grantham,

If you think my purpose in alerting you to the misinformation that characterizes most of what has been published about the JFK assassination, you misread what I said or I did not express myself clearly.

You are correct in saying that you and other readers have no way of knowing what is wrong and what is right. This is what I was trying to tell you.

Davis did lie about me and he was compelled by the publishers' lawyers to remove some of that in the paperback reprint. He also lied about what he represented as fact. You had no way of knowing this. Almost nobody did, and that is one of the major problems concerned people face when, trusting authors, they read that kind of exploitation or self-promotion which is characteristic of so many of the books.

You neither said nor implied, however, what you also say: "The only reason for writing was in the ope of obtaining in published book form the FBI files..." If you had even hinted at this I'd have responded to that. As I do now.

The first of the four books of the Whitewash series was based entirely on the Warren report and its appended 26 volumes, from which I quote FBI records used by the Commission and, when I had access to what is in the Archives, I added a few pages based on the five-volume FBI report LBJ directed that it make before he appointed the Commission. It is CD or commission document 1 in the Commission's files. It says almost nothing about the assassination itself and is a distribe against Oswald. I reprint in facsimile the two scanty references in it to the actual assassination.

Beginning with the second of that series I included facsimiles of some of the records that appear to interest you, with a much greater volume of them in the third and fourth and in Post Mortem. The volume of these facsimiles is probably greater than that of te text in the third and fourth and there are at least 200 pages of facsimiles in Post Mortem.

Those in Photographic Whitewash are mostly on the suppression of photographs.

Whitewash IV includes, in facsimile, the Commission's executive session stenographic transcript of its then Top Secret deliberation of the report that Oswald had been some kind of government informant. Another and shorter one is in facsimile in Post Mortem.

While memory may not be entirely trustworthy, particularly at my age, it is my recollection that no other books even begin to duplicate this and I can't remember any that has more than perhaps a couple of the kinds of reports you have in mind.

You can obtain copies of what has been disclosed from the FBI for 10 cents a page, from the Archives, as of my last knowledge for 25 cents a page, but you must specify and identify the records of which you want copies.

As I'm sure I told you, if you are ever near here you are welcome to examine what I got and can get copies for the cost of making them.

Sincerely,

Harold

Harold Weisberg